

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The Sinclair Broadcasting Company's decision to force their member stations to air a patently partisan documentary, "Stolen Honor", days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation that so many in the industry warned the FCC about.

The mere fact that a corporation seems to be centralizing themselves behind a party or candidate through donations and donations-in-kind as well as that same administration not taking action makes one wonder how involved that administration is in the timing of this event. It seems, to any outside observer, that by creating a false image of Senator Kerry through their control of 1/4 of all the broadcast television stations, they are trying to steer the "Ship of State".

It is these actions that show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Sinclair shows, through it's actions, that they can attempt to commit mass-manipulation but it is up to you, the FCC, to be responsible and stop them.

Thank you,  
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